

Mr. Bent's Science Homework: Type 3 Class Summaries



Type 3 class summaries will be written once per week for me. These summaries will usually be assigned on Thursday, and should reflect upon what was discussed in class for the first few days of that week. Each summary will count as one quiz grade.

➡ Your papers must have ONE INCH MARGINS, be DOUBLE-SPACED (skip lines), have the FCAs written in the heading, and be at least 6 sentences long! You will lose 10 points from your paper automatically for each of these things that you are missing!

➡ Focus Correction Areas (FCAs):

1. The science information that you write about must be **accurate**. You will lose 5 points for each error in fact, up to a maximum of 15 points off. **(15 points)**.
2. You must **highlight 3 sentences** that include IMPORTANT SCIENCE FACTS that you learned about this week. **(60 points)**.
3. You must underline 3 science-related vocabulary words that you learned this week. **(15 points)**.
4. Your homework must be neat. I prefer it typed, but it doesn't have to be **(10 points)**.

➡ REASONS FOR DOING THIS

1. **AUDIENCE:** Your audience is **NOT ME**. Let's pretend that your parents ask you what you have been doing in science lately. Since they are not here, they have no idea what we have been discussing in class. Write this as if someone who is unfamiliar with the class and with science can understand it!
2. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of these summaries is for you to reflect on what we are covering in class and explain it in your own words. It has been proven that the best way to learn something is to teach it to others. So when you are done writing, the best thing that you could do is read it aloud to a parent, sibling, etc. You will recall the information much better if you do this!

➡ Setting up and writing your Type 3 Summary: An Example

Accurate (15 pts.)

NAME

3 HL sentences (60 pts.)

DATE

3 Vocab. UL (15 pts.)

Neat (10 pts.)

We began the week in science class by discussing our new unit called Mapping the Earth.

I learned that an imaginary line called the Equator runs around the middle of Earth and

divides the Earth into top and bottom halves. The top half is known as the Northern

Hemisphere. The bottom half is known as the Southern Hemisphere. The Equator measures

at 0 degrees latitude. All other lines of latitude are called parallels. These lines run from East

to West, but they measure distances North or South of the Equator.

I also learned that the Prime Meridian is considered 0 degrees longitude, and it divides the

Earth into Eastern and Western halves. All other lines of longitude are called meridians.

These lines run North to South, but they measure distances East or West of the Prime Meridian.

➡ Before you hand in your Type 3 summary, you should read it to yourself or someone else **ALoud** to make sure that it makes sense. While you are reading it aloud, you will be listening for 3 things:

1. Did I complete the assignment?
2. Is my writing easy to read (does it sound right)?
3. Does the writing fulfill the FCAs?



When you have finished reading your paper aloud, you can go back and edit your paper to fix any mistakes that you may have. Since you have double-spaced your work, you can make edits on the skipped lines or in the margins if necessary.